

United States Senate

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April 24, 2014

Ms. Joyce K. Frank
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Room 3426 ARN
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Frank,

I have recently been contacted by Mr. Jerry Cox of Duffield, Virginia and Ms. Miriam Joya of Fairfax, Virginia concerned about coal ash in the Dan River. Attached, please find a copy of their correspondence. I would appreciate it if you could look into this matter and provide me with an appropriate response. Thank you.

Sincerely,



MARK R. WARNER
United States Senator

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Enclosures

Mr. Jerry Cox (b) (6)

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Incoming Message:

Date: 3/25/2014

senator we have alot of these ash ponds left in va with the recent spill in north carolina and the damage to the dan river and the drinking water in danvile we need to make sure this does not happen again we cannot put a price on clean drinking water. please enfore the clean water act lets get away from these type of ponds in virginia. the citizens if va need to know that we won't have this problem again and their drinking water will be safe look a west virgina at the problems they are having with clean safe drinking water. lets use renewable energy wind ,solar, biofuel, natural gas. thanks jerry cox

Miriam Joya

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February 20, 2014

The Honorable Mark Warner
475 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warner,

I want to address an important issue happening in Virginia about pollution in the Dan River which runs along the Virginia and North Carolina border. On February 5th of this year tons of coal ash dumped into the river because of the storm water pipe that broke at Duke Energy's Eden power plant. Coal ash continues to flow into the Dan River making the river more polluted. Many people can see a huge change of discoloration in the river. Environmental studies have found toxins such as mercury, lead, and arsenic in the ground water around other coal ash ponds. This can harm both the environment and wildlife affecting the way we live.

The toxins that are in the ground water are poisonous to us because the upstream pulls water from the river causing our drinking water to be harmful. If any of the harmful toxins like mercury, lead and arsenic reach our farmlands growing fruits and vegetables, this can't be easily detected, especially arsenic. Lead is a non-carcinogen that can severely impair the nervous system for children who are at a very vulnerable stage of development. Drinking tap water that is coming from the Dan River with lead in it can cause birth defects if pregnant women are exposed to it. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Miriam Joya

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